

afterwards the obtained L-m-sarcosyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected carboxy group is caused to react with proline with a protected amino group and an activated carboxy group, L-prolyl-L-m-sarcosyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected amino group being obtained, and the amino protection group being removed, and the lower alkyl ester group being optionally removed or converted into another ester group and/or the compound obtained being converted into an acid addition salt.

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the condensation is carried out with cooling in an anhydrous medium.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the activated carboxy groups were activated through treatment with dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the carboxy protection group of L-p-fluorophenylalanine is a lower alkyl ester group.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the amino protection group of the L-m-sarcosine is a carbobenzoxy group.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the removal of the amino protection group of the L-m-sarcosyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected amino group is carried out through treatment with hydrogen bromide in glacial acetic acid.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the removal of the amino protection group of the L-prolyl-L-m-sarcosyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected amino group is carried out through reduction with hydrogen in the presence of palladium on carbon.

Please add new claims as follows.

--8. The method according to claim 2, wherein the condensation is carried out with cooling in chloroform.--

--9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the carboxy protection group of L-p-fluorophenylalanine is an ethyl ester group.--

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--10. The method according to claim 2, wherein the activated carboxy groups were activated through treatment with dicyclohexylcarbodiimid.--

--11. The method according to claim 2, wherein the carboxy protection group of L-p-fluorophenylalanine is a lower alkyl ester group.--

--12. The method according to claim 2, wherein the amino protection group of the L-m-sarcosine is a carbobenzoxy group.--

--13. The method according to claim 2, wherein the removal of the amino protection group of the L-m-sarcosyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected amino group is carried out through treatment with hydrogen bromide in glacial acetic acid.--

--14. The method according to claim 2, wherein the removal of the amino protection group of the L-prolyl-L-m-sarcosyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected amino group is carried out through reduction with hydrogen in the presence of palladium on carbon.--

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claim status. No new matter is presented by the above amendments. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.